

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend claims 8, 9, 12 and 13.

Listing of Claims:

1 - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently amended) A hydraulic system connecting first, second and third hydraulic motors in series comprising:

a first solenoid-operated directional control valve that is energized by moving the second hydraulic motor into an operating position causing the first solenoid-operated directional control valve to provide a first pilot signal to a first pilot-operated directional control valve that ~~opens~~ in response to the first pilot signal directs a flow of to-direct hydraulic fluid from the first hydraulic motor to the second hydraulic motor without directing the flow through any other restrictive valves; the first solenoid-operated directional control valve being de-energized by moving the second hydraulic motor into a non-operating position causing the first solenoid-operated directional control valve to end the pilot signal and the first pilot-operated directional control valve to direct the flow of ~~close so that the~~ hydraulic fluid from the first hydraulic motor to bypass ~~bypasses~~ the second hydraulic motor; and

a second solenoid-operated directional control valve that is energized by moving the third hydraulic motor into an operating position causing the second solenoid-operated directional control valve to provide a second pilot signal to a second pilot-operated directional control valve that ~~opens~~ in response to the second pilot signal directs a flow of to-direct hydraulic fluid from the first hydraulic motor to the third hydraulic motor without directing the flow through any other restrictive valves; the second solenoid-operated directional control valve being de-energized by moving the third hydraulic motor into a non-operating position causing the second solenoid-operated directional control valve to end the pilot signal and the second pilot-operated directional control valve to direct the flow of ~~close so that the~~ hydraulic fluid from the first hydraulic motor to bypass ~~bypasses~~ the third hydraulic motor.

9. (Currently amended) The hydraulic system of claim 8 wherein moving both of the second and third hydraulic motors into their operating positions causes the first and second solenoid-operated directional control valves to provide pilot signals to the first and second pilot-operated directional control valves that ~~open~~ in response to the pilot signals ~~to direct the hydraulic fluid from the exit of the first hydraulic motor to the~~ second and third hydraulic motors in series without directing the flow through any other restrictive valves.

10-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently amended) A hydraulic system to provide hydraulic flow to first, second and third ~~a plurality of~~ hydraulic motors, the second and third motors movable between operating and non-operating positions, comprising:

a pair ~~plurality~~ of solenoid-operated control valves, each solenoid-operated control valve associated with one of the second and third motors ~~a hydraulic motor~~ and providing a pilot signal if the motor is in the operating position; and

a pair ~~plurality~~ of pilot operated control valves operatively connected to the solenoid-operated control valves; each pilot operated control valve directing ~~opening~~ hydraulic flow from the first motor to one of the second and third hydraulic motors in the presence of a pilot signal associated with that motor without directing the hydraulic flow through any other restrictive valves, and preventing ~~closing~~ hydraulic flow to the second or third ~~the~~ hydraulic motor in the absence of the pilot signal; the pilot operated control valves directing ~~opening to provide~~ hydraulic flow from the first motor to the second and third ~~plurality of~~ hydraulic motors in series in the presence of a pair ~~plurality~~ of pilot signals without directing the hydraulic flow through any other restrictive valves.

13. (Currently amended) The hydraulic system of claim 12 wherein the first ~~further comprising at least one~~ hydraulic motor ~~that~~ is not associated with a solenoid-operated control valve.